



Energy Improvement District

Hank Ashforth – Chairman

Robert Hartt

Thomas Madden

Polly Rauh

Joel Selden

Energy Improvement District

888 Washington Boulevard

Stamford, Connecticut 06901

Minutes for July 16, 2014 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

EID Members

Hank Ashforth - Chairman

Bob Hartt

Polly Rauh

Economic Development Staff

Thomas Madden

Robin Stein

Kathy Ruther

Absent – Joel Selden Bob Hartt

Guests:

Lou Casolo– City of Stamford Engineering

Chris Lotspeich – Celtic Energy (via phone)

Justin Bevis – CL&P

Meeting came to order at 8:30am and was presided over by Chairman Hank Ashforth.

Issues Discussed:

1. Approval of Minutes – minutes approved for June 18th.
2. Celtic Energy Report – Chris Lotspeich – Attachment A (02:23)
Chris Lotspeich joined the group by phone and reviewed the handout he provided in advance.

Tours were held last week of June. Amendments issued with questions that came up during the tours.

Brad Shaw noticed water usage to cost discrepancies in the 2 high schools. After some discussion the group believes that Westhill High School's pool and agri-center may have influenced water and energy needs.

Lou and Nancy were asked for their thoughts on the project status. Lou stated that other projects are being impacted by Nancy's time commitment to this project, Lou will speak to Administration about staffing needs versus project work. Joel asked about manpower once the project is in place. No coverage plan in place, need to keep it in mind going forward. Funding for staff support has been written in to RFP, it is possible to finance additional staff through a performance contract.

Formation of Selection Committee. Needs to be completed shortly after the next EID meeting, must be in place and briefed. Representatives should include EID member(s), Board of Ed., Mayor's office, Capt. Tomlin, Administration - Michael Handler, Jay Fountain from Bd. of Reps Fiscal Committee, Engineering, and Beverley Aveni.

3. Introduction of Thomas Madden, new Economic Development Director and Mayor's representative on the Board. (34:50)

4. Robin Stein reiterates concern for Engineering Department staffing shortage, suggests expanding resources in Engineering Dept. “all we have is Nancy”. Robin suggests EID recommend and support Engineering Dept. adding staff. “No bench strength”. (35:33)
5. Joel Selden suggests that this video discussion be made available to Mayor Martin so he can hear first-hand the discussion. (40:35)

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting will be August 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 09:15am

Respectfully submitted:
Kathy Ruther